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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Separating Mass Transit Funding from the**
3 **Transportation Trust Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Separating Mass Transit
5 Funding from the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Task Force to
6 review and evaluate certain matters relating to separating mass transit funding
7 from the Transportation Trust Fund; specifying the membership and staffing of
8 the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force;
9 prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but
10 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to
11 report its findings and recommendations by certain dates; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
13 Separating Mass Transit Funding from the Transportation Trust Fund.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Separating Mass Transit Funding from
17 the Transportation Trust Fund.

18 (b) The Task Force shall review and evaluate:

19 (1) current funding by the State for the Transportation Trust Fund;

20 (2) current State needs for transportation infrastructure
21 improvements and maintenance;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) benefits and drawbacks of separating the funding of mass transit
2 from the Transportation Trust Fund;

3 (4) sustainable, long-term revenue sources and options to support the
4 Transportation Trust Fund and to support a separate fund dedicated to mass transit,
5 including establishment of special taxing districts in areas served by mass transit;

6 (5) public/private partnerships that might support transportation
7 programs other than mass transit that would be funded through the Transportation
8 Trust Fund and other public/private partnerships that might support mass transit;
9 and

10 (6) other matters as the Task Force determines.

11 (c) The Task Force shall be composed of:

12 (1) (i) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
13 President of the Senate; and

14 (ii) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House; and

16 (2) the following members appointed by the Governor:

17 (i) the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee;

18 (ii) the Secretary of Budget and Management or the Secretary's
19 designee;

20 (iii) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development or the
21 Secretary's designee;

22 (iv) the Secretary of Planning or the Secretary's designee;

23 (v) a representative of the Washington Metropolitan Area
24 Transit Authority;

25 (vi) two representatives from the business community;

26 (vii) a representative of the transit community;

27 (viii) a representative of the environmental community; and

28 (ix) two other individuals.

29 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force after
30 consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

1 (e) A member of the Task Force:

2 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

3 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
4 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

5 (f) The Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transit
6 Administration shall provide staff support to the Task Force.

7 (g) On or before January 1, 2013, the Task Force shall submit an interim
8 report of its preliminary findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject
9 to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

10 (h) On or before January 1, 2014, the Task Force shall submit a final report
11 of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the
12 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
15 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
16 abrogated and of no further force and effect.